

A new Variety of *Megathymus yuccae* (Lepid.).

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Megathymus navajo n. var.

The specimens appear to be all males. They are black in color, while all the specimens of *yuccae* I have seen are chestnut brown. They range in size 40, 45, 47 and 50 mm. in expanse respectively. The specimens of *yuccae* in our collection range in size from 62 to 68 mm. This variety is similar to *coloradensis* Riley, but is quite different in color. The specimens were sent to me by Mr. W. C. Wood of New York, along with a lot of specimens of *Megathymus streckeri* Skinner, and at first I took the four small, black specimens of *navajo* to be males of *streckeri* as they are the same color (black). They came from Fort Wingate, New Mexico and were taken May 13th, 25th, 31st and June 13th. One specimen's label says "on mountain back of Fort."

The name *navajo* was suggested by Mr. Wood. The butterfly comes from the home of these Indians.

The specimens of *streckeri* were taken on various dates through the month of June and make a new record for the species.

Yuccae and its two varieties may be distinguished from the other species of the genus by the distinct triangular white spot below the centre of the costa on the under-side of the secondary wings.

A new *Datana* (Lepid.).

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Datana neomexicana n. sp.

Very near *Datana integerrima* var. *cochise* Dyar in coloration but differs in having the fore wings of almost uniform pale gray color, sprinkled more distinctly with small, dark punctures; the costal shade rather feebly contrasted and of pale ochreous color; distal spot obsolete; the lines as usual; the oblique dash near apex obsolete; the form of fore wings as in *Datana californica* Dyar.

Habitat—New Mexico.

Type—One pair in the collection of the Museum of the Brooklyn Institute; cotype, one pair in my collection.

This species is very distinct from *D. integerrima* var. *cochise* Dyar, which it resembles at first sight more than any other *Datana*, by the characters given above which are constant in the specimens I have seen through the kindness of Messrs. Brehme and Erb.